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HEADLINES

MASS APPEAL

Denktas to Address Turkish Parliament April 15 - Sabah
600 Iraqis Killed for Revenge of 4 American Lives - Sabah
Richard Perle: "Muslim World Needs More Atatürks" - Hurriyet
Arinc Invites Denktas to Speak to Turkish Parliament -
Milliyet
US: "No Alternative to the Annan Plan" - Hurriyet
Erdogan Responds to Denktas: "I Have not Been Deceived" -
Turkiye

OPINION MAKERS

Denktas Steps Back on His Intention to Resign - Zaman
Greek Cypriots Press For Delayed Referendum - Radikal
Tension Continues in Felluce - Radikal
US in Search of Solution in Iraq - Cumhuriyet
Bush Follows in Hitler's Foot Steps - Yeni Safak

BRIEFING

Cyprus: "Milliyet" reports that Turkish Parliament Speaker Bulent Arinc has invited Denktas to speak to the Parliament on April 15. Some papers interpret this invitation as an effort to balance Prime Minister Erdogan's recent comments about Denktas. "Milliyet" notes that this could be a farewell speech for Denktas if he opts to resign following the April 24 referendum. "Cumhuriyet" claims that Denktas believes the Turkish government was not given all the details of the Annan plan, and that Erdogan was 'deceived' on the Cyprus issue. "Turkiye" reports Erdogan's response to Denktas' remarks. Speaking during an official visit in Japan, Erdogan said that 'these are ugly remarks, and I have not been deceived'. "Milliyet" notes that in the wake of Greek Cypriot pressure for delaying the referendum, Turkey urgently requested UN support for holding the referenda as scheduled.

Iraq: Most papers report that despite the cease-fire, tension continues in Fallujah. "Sabah" reports that 600 Iraqis, most of them civilians, had been killed in Fallujah as revenge for 4 Americans who were murdered and mutilated there ten days ago. "Yeni Safak" claims in a banner front-page headline that President Bush is 'walking in the footsteps of Hitler.' The paper cites the British 'Daily Telegraph' as its source, and notes a British commander criticizing US soldiers for a 'shoot first, ask questions later' approach in Iraq.

EDITORIAL OPINION

"Turkish Cypriots must say 'Yes'"
Cengiz Candar observed in the mass appeal "DB-Tercuman" (4/13): "If both sides in Cyprus accept the Annan Plan in the April 24 referenda, the 'United Republic of Cyprus' with Turkish Cypriots as equal political partners will join the EU. . . In an effort to guarantee the Greek Cypriots' 'Republic of Cyprus' membership in the European Union on May

1 (i.e., without the Turks), AKEL has asked for a postponement of the April 24 referenda. This means that AKEL prefers to see the Turkish Cypriots as a minority rather than an equal political partner. AKEL is openly pursuing a nationalist policy in a leftist disguise. . No matter how narrow their vision may be, Greeks Cypriots' opposition to the Annan Plan is understandable. The Turks' national interests require acceptance of the plan. . Turkish nationalists' opposition to the UN-sponsored plan will only legitimize the Greeks' vision for a 'Republic of Cyprus.' . The Turkish Government must convince the EU and the US to openly warn the Greek Cypriots that if the plan is accepted by the Turks and rejected in Southern Cyprus, international sanctions against the Turkish Cypriots will be removed immediately. The Greek Cypriots must be told that Turkish Cyprus will be given a special status until the Greek side accepts the plan. It must also be declared that if the Greek Cypriots reject the plan, the referendum will be repeated only on the Greek side of the island."

"Dangerous game"
Hasan Cemal commented in the mass appeal "Milliyet" (4/13): "Diplomatic sources in Ankara say that the postponement of the April 24 referenda would be against the roadmap laid out in the Annan Plan. . It is the Greek Cypriots who are really against the plan. They do not want a new state, but prefer to include the Turks as a minority within their existing state, according to Ankara. The European Union erred in announcing its acceptance of Cyprus' membership in the EU even though no solution has been reached. . AKEL's intention to oppose the Annan Plan has disappointed those who support the plan in the Turkish sector, because a 'no' vote in the south will leave northern Cyprus outside the EU even if the Turkish Cypriots accept the UN blueprint. . Turkish Cypriot politicians think that AKEL is playing a dangerous game. The UN, US and EU must see the trick for what it is and take action immediately. Such blackmail by the Greek Cypriots will not only divide Cyprus, but will jeopardize peace and stability in the Eastern Mediterranean and Aegean."

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